

STOCK PURCHASE URGED.

Recommendation that the New York stock market be authorized to purchase the stock of the Chicago River and

Indiana Railroad Company and that the latter be permitted to take a ninety-nine-year lease on the Chicago Junction railway was made in a report to the Interstate Commerce Commission by Attorney-Examiner Ray W. Clarke.

\$100**Price Reduction.**

Is announced on all model
490 Chevrolet automobiles

Barry-Pate Motor Car Co., Inc.
1218 Connecticut Avenue

Franklin 5627

**STONE CRAB TUNNELS
WAY INTO CONCRETE**

Material, Regarded, as Formidable
Against Almost Anything,
Finds New Conqueror.

By the Associated Press.
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., September 8.—Concrete heretofore has been re-

House & Herrmann**Big September Sale**

garded as a match for everything but steel tools and high explosives, but it has been discovered that the stone crab, common to Florida waters, digs into and crushes it as so much chalk. The tool the crab uses in his case-hardened claws, the claws regarded so highly as a table delicacy after a heavy hammer has been brought into play to crush them to permit extraction of the flesh.

Engineers for many years have sought an economical method of protecting piling driven in salt water from worms and other scourges, which cut them in two, and believed they had solved the problem by sheathing them with concrete, but the stone crab has shown them their mistake.

The discovery was made only recently. Contractors engaged in sheathing the piling of a bridge across Boca Ciega bay, near here, were mystified at the appearance of holes and cracks in the concrete on piling near the channel. An investigation failed to disclose the cause of the trouble, but the problem was solved by George Lisotte, local authority on crabs, who upon learning of the difficulty declared stone crabs were responsible. A further investigation developed that the channel contained thousands of the crabs and that they were tearing holes in the concrete to make homes for themselves, the species inhabiting, whenever available, holes in rocks and piling.

The contractor has decided to sheath the piling in and near the channel with sheet iron.

There is a clock at Beauvais Cathedral which is composed of \$2,000 separate pieces, having fifty-two dial plates.

**UNEMPLOYED PUT
ON AUCTION BLOCK**

Willing Workers, Stripped to
Waist, Find No Bidders
in Boston.

By the Associated Press.

BOSTON, September 9.—Jobless men were placed on the auction block on Boston Common yesterday. Stripped to the waist, after the custom of the old slave auctions, they declared their willingness to work by standing before a crowd of thousands, offering their services to the highest bidder.

"Shorn lambs" in unemployment, their auctioneer, Urban Ledoux, called them.

Ledoux, a philanthropic worker who recently opened the "Church of the Unemployed" in the West End, led a group of fifty to the common, to bring home, he said, to the people of Boston their stories of human misery, just as William Lloyd Garrison pleaded for the slaves on the same spot seventy years ago. It was to prove that his charges were not parasitic floaters, but instead good citizens out of a job, that he put some of them on the block, he explained.

Ledoux's efforts to get work for his men were not rewarded. Of the three who stood up for bids none went away to a job, although from the crowd came pledges of help. He told them over a week or two while they sought employment. Their leader, however, that he considered he had succeeded in bringing their plight and the honesty of their purpose to public attention, and he announced that the auction was to be a daily event, to be continued at least for the remainder of the month.

Ledoux and his men, box lunches in hand, came to the common from the West End headquarters, where he has fed hundreds in the last week. While they munched their sandwiches he called for volunteers to stand at auction prepared to work for a week for the highest bidder. Eight men stepped out, two of them world war veterans, most of them in clothing that was frayed and shoes well down at the heels. Each was asked how long he had been out of work and without food and shelter.

No Work in Year.
One man had not worked for a year. Another had eaten only twice a week in six months of unemployment.

James Ferris, twenty-five years of age, an upstanding man, who said he had served four years in the Army, was called to the block on the steps of the Parkman Memorial Bandstand. He stripped to the waist, and while Ledoux directed, went through the Army calisthenics to show the extent of his muscular development. Bids were called for.

"This is one of the men that you used during the war. What will you do with him now? How much will you bid for this man's services for a week in order that he may have food and shelter?" the auctioneer asked. Bids were made, but when they were called those who had made them had slipped away. Ferris was then declared to be without a bidder. A dog was brought to the block. He was knocked down for \$5, with the condition, accepted by the successful bidder, that he be returned to the "Church of the Unemployed" as its mascot.

Joseph Mitchell, a negro, was then called. His shoes were without soles and his clothing was ragged. Replying to Ledoux's questions, he said he had

been without food for days at a time in the six months he had been out of a job.

There was no bid for his services and the auctioneer called on the crowd to pledge him food and shelter for a week. Mrs. Annie Jackson responded and went the auctioneer one better by saying she would be responsible for Mitchell's sustenance and shelter for a second week if necessary. John Farley of Dorchester, wearing a G. A. R. button, added a dollar, another man promised a suit of clothes and a second man passed Ledoux a two-dollar bill to "buy

some beans for the boys.

William Davis, a boy of eighteen years, out of a job for a year, was offered to the crowd as one willing to work. He said he had kept himself going for a time on \$300 that he had saved, but had reached the end of his rope, and was in hunger yesterday. He was promised a home for a week by Mrs. J. H. Dranninger, and the man who promised the clothing to Mitchell gave \$2 to Davis.

With no bids for the three men set up, Ledoux suspended his auction, announcing that it would be repeated today.

ROLLER Special Sale
\$2.25 Quality Hard'w Co.
637 F St. N.W.
3210 M St. N.W.
Phone Main 8723
SKATES
500 Pairs While they last
REGULAR PRICE, \$3.00

Woodward & Lothrop

DOWN STAIRS STORE

Of Lesser Priced Merchandise

New Millinery for Autumn

At Special Prices, \$5 and \$7.50



It is seldom that so early in the season one can buy a good-looking hat for such an unusually low price—but in this collection are such models that the woman of taste will choose for early Fall, three of which are sketched above.

Lyons velvet, panne velvet and duvetyne are the materials most favored—in attractive shapes, made more attractive with smart trimmings of ostrich, bugles, feather fancies, ribbons and chenille.

Mohawk, brown, henna, French blue, taupe, gray, jade, red and black offer a wide color choice.

We Announce Our First Showing of Children's Hats

Suede Cloth Tams, \$1.45
Felt Hats, \$1.95
Velvet Tams, \$1.95 and \$2.95
Velvet Hats, \$2.95 and \$3.95

50 Women's and Misses' Fall Dresses

In a Special Sale, Emphasizing Individual Models, Are Priced **\$14.75**

Tricotines, velours, Poirer twills, serges, jerseys, taffetas, crepe de chins and satins, are the fabrics; fashioned into the newest Autumn models, each selected especially for this selling.

There are the straight-lined dresses, slim and unfitted, except for a very narrow belt, and the bouffant model, that is so becoming to the miss—also a few in over-skirt effects—models for street and afternoon. Braid trimmings, wide and narrow, colorful embroideries, and beads are featured, while various treatments of the new sleeve are seen. Navy, black and brown are the wanted colors from which you may choose. Sizes from 16 to 42.

New Fall Sweaters at New Low Prices

\$3.95 and \$4.95

Twenty new models in Women's Sweaters for Fall have just arrived. The new fuchsia and flaming sunset shades are seen, as well as the favored blues, browns, navy, jade, henna and black; also black or navy with white. They are made of all wool and show a variety of smart stitches.

We Also Make Our First Showing of Misses' and Children's Sweaters and Slip-Ons

Priced \$1.95, \$2.95 and \$3.95

New Blouses Are Required For New Fall Suits

\$4.95, \$6.95, \$7.50

With the fall comes suits and the increased need of new blouses to wear with them. You can be sure to fill every blouse need (if you shop in the Down Stairs Blouse Section) with least effort and least expense.

Our selection is large, including georgettes in numerous overblouse styles, tie-ons and tuck-ins. The new collars, Peter Pan, Tuxedo, frill effects and various fancy styles are seen, and sleeves may be long, short, three-quarter and open if you like. Suit shades include mohawk, navy, brown, taupe, henna, bisque, as well as flesh, white and black. Sizes 36 to 46.

Girls' School Dresses In a Special Sale at \$1.45

A new shipment of Girls' Gingham and Regulation Dresses arrives in time for school. The gingham are made of an excellent quality and offer ten different styles from which to choose. Some are trimmed with a touch of embroidery, the front and back are pleated, and they have collar and cuffs of pique. The regulation dresses are made of a fine quality jean, in the smart laced-front style, with braid trimmings and emblems. Sizes from 6 to 14.

Slip-Over Crepe Kimonos
Splendid Values at **\$3.95**
Just 50 of them, shirred to form the waist and gaily decorated with colored fruits and tassels; colors are blue, open, pink and lavender.

Envelope Chemise
Special at **75c**
Made of a good quality muslin, with shoulder straps and trimmings of lace insertion and ribbon-run tops finished with a lace edge.

Pink Satin Bloomers
Specially Priced **95c**
Well made, full cut, with elastic at waist and knee.

Topless and Low-Bust Corsets for the Young Girl
Straightline models, made of pink broche or coutil. Especially designed for the health, comfort and development of the young girl. Lightly constructed, yet giving the proper support. The value is excellent, \$1.95.

Pink Satin Bandeaux
Are Specially Priced, **85c**
A splendid value in heavy pink satin bandeaux, fastening at the back, with wide tape shoulder straps. An excellent model to wear with the topless corset.

Women's Suede-Finished Gloves 10 Dozen Pairs at 45c Pair

Women's 2-Clasp Suede-finished Gloves, well made, excellent quality; with three rows of stitching on the backs—in white, brown and beaver.

The Hecht Co.

7th at F

Where prices are guaranteed

7th at F

Open all
Day this
Saturday

PHOENIX silk hose

are in such demand that we have hard work keeping them in stock—a word of warning to women who like Phoenix silk hose:

\$1.95—for full-fashioned silk hose, with mercerized tops and double heels, and toes. Black and shades of brown.

\$2.35—A new Phoenix hose, Richelieu ribbed, in a new shade of brown.

Others at \$2.35 and \$2.55

(First floor.)

The beaded overblouse

is the latest arrival to claim the spotlight.

A heavy georgette serves as background for an elaborate display of iridescent or steel or amber beads, while others are beaded in colorful combinations.

A striking new blouse and to be had in black, navy or rich combinations. **\$10.**

(Blouse shop, third floor.)

Women's corduroy robes, \$3.65

These corduroy robes are made in the breakfast coat style, with pocket and belt.

Highly desirable for lounging, bath or breakfast robes and to be had in lavender, rose or blue.

(Second floor.)

Ready for school

Special advertisement with sale prices on school children's apparel. See page 20.

Misses' new fashions

Simplex jumper dresses, **\$11.50**

Sport or business suits, **\$12.50**

Newest three-piece suits, **\$15.00**

One of each style sketched



ALL the above garments are made of Heatherspun jersey—that closely woven worsted that won't water spot or wrinkle and that outwears two ordinary cloth fabrics.

Heatherspun suits, **\$12.50**—at left

These may be had in heatherspun or with contrasting check or velour skirts as sketched. Most practical suit known for sports and business wear. Solid colors; heather mixtures and combinations.

Three-piece suits, **\$15**—in center

Under the coat is a sleeveless jumper dress which of course can be worn separately or with another coat. The coat, too, can be worn with other skirts. Solid colors and heather mixtures.

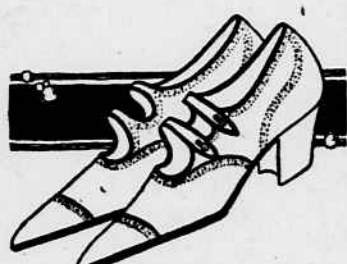
The "Simplex" dresses, **\$11.50**—at right

A two-piece dress that can be worn as shown or with separate skirt or smock.

In solid colors, but the preference is for a solid-color smock, with plaid or striped skirt.

All the above in sizes 14 to 20, for high school and college girls and young business women.

(Apparel shops, second floor.)



HANAN shoes \$15

Highest priced
HANAN shoe for
fall is \$15,
and you can't
get better shoes
at any price.

The two-strap pump (sketched) is of brown calfskin. Military heel, medium toes, light-weight welt soles.

(Shoe shop, first floor.)

Furniture sale ends in 8 days

10 to 40% Discounts

THE furniture sale with its 10% to 40% discounts on every piece of furniture we own ends in just 8 days.

Since all the furniture is from our own good stocks, there can be no question of its quality.

And since we had already MARKED DOWN prices to conform to the new market levels, these additional 10% to 40% discounts present their own best argument for buying now.

Just 8 more days and then prices must go back to normal.

So many new hats have come at \$5

\$5 seems such a popular price that we have gone the limit in securing attractive styles at that figure. All are of

Silk Lyons or Panné Velvet

—And each hat is an individual gem.

The Spanish influence dominates with heavy Castilian fringe and striking ornaments, but, of course, there are plenty of trim-tailored styles. Black and colors.

Dobbs and Knox hats

—In silk beavers, sailors. **\$18.**



\$25 fox scarfs and chockers, \$18.75

The fur sale brings you a 25% discount from regular prices and guarantees the saving.

These scarfs and chockers are made from full furred foxes, with head and tail trimming. Brown or black.

All other furs discounted 25%

A fair deposit will hold any fur to your order until Nov. 1.

Apparel Shops, Second Floor.

